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SUBJECT: ALLEGED PORTUGUESE USE OF NATO ARMS IN AFRICA

DEPT PASS TO ALL NATO CAPITALS

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1. IN DISCUSSING SOARES' STATEMENT WITH CONGEN RECENTLY, LOCAL FOREIGN BUSINESSMAN SAID IT "COMMON KNOWLEDGE" U.S. HAD BEEN SUPPLYING ARMS TO PORTUGAL. PRESSED TO SUBSTANTIATE CLAIM, HE ADMITTED "KNOWING" ONLY THAT PORTUGUESE RECENTLY HAD RECEIVED SHIPMENT OF ROCKETS IN CABINDA FOR USE AIR-TO-SURAFCE. (COMMENT. AS FAR AS WE KNOW, THOSE ROCKETS WERE FRENCH. THEY ARRIVED IN CLEARLY MARKED CASES, AND AS IN PAST NO EFFORT MADE TO DISGUISE THEM.)

2. THIS IS REPORTED MERELY TO ILLUSTRATE PERSISTENT PROBLEM WHICH WILL NOT YIELD TO REASON OR FACTS. EVENTUALLY, OUR CRITICS WHEN PRESSED TAKE REFUGE IN ALLEGATION AZORES AGREEMENTS LOGICALLY EXPECTED TO PRODUCE FLOOD OF UNDER-THE-TABLE ARMS SHIPMENTS. SINCE THIS "LOGICAL," THEREFORE IT MUST BE "TRUE."
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